

House Committee on Appropriations

Minutes of Meeting
2016 Regular Session
April 18, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Cameron Henry, Chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. in Room 5, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The secretary called the roll.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Cameron Henry, Chairman
Representative Mark Abraham
Representative Beryl A. Amedée
Representative James K. Armes, III
Representative Tony Bacala
Representative Lawrence A. "Larry" Bagley
Representative John A. Berthelot
Representative Robert E. Billiot
Representative Gary M. Carter, Jr.
Representative Charles R. Chaney
Representative Rick Edmonds
Representative Franklin J. Foil
Representative Lance Harris
Representative Bob Hensgens
Representative Valarie Hodges
Representative Jack G. McFarland
Representative Blake Miguez
Representative Dustin Miller
Representative Steve E. Pylant
Representative John M. Schroder, Sr.
Representative Patricia Haynes Smith
Representative Jerome "Zee" Zeringue

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Walt Leger, III
Representative Jerome Richard

Representative Scott M. Simon

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Penny B. Bouquet, Administrative Secretary
Mr. Peter G. E. Conroy, Legislative Analyst
Ms. Nancy Keaton, Legislative Analyst

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

None

III. DISCUSSION

Public testimony regarding the appropriations proposed in House Bill No. 1 of the 2016 Regular Session

Representative Henry indicated that the committee would hear public testimony regarding the appropriations proposed in House Bill No. 1, schedule by schedule. (See Exhibit A)

Department of Health and Hospitals – Schedule 09

Present to speak in opposition were Ms. Delery Rice, Developmental Disabilities Council, 1605 Edinburgh Street, Metairie, LA 70001, (504) 722-8600; Ms. Lori Dahl, 1901 Highway 190, Apt. 1812, Mandeville, LA 70448, (832) 259-3443; Ms. Leigh Townsend, 17449 Lauren Drive, Prairieville, LA 70769; Ms. Rebecca Ellis, 333 DeBouchel Place, Mandeville, LA 70471, (504) 261-3432; Mr. David Gaines, Ochsner Health System, no address provided, (504) 842-4311; Ms. Laura Brackin, The Community Provider Association, 18692 Oak Grove Parkway, Prairieville, LA 70769, (225) 402-7304; Ms. Stephanie Patrick, the Advocacy Center, 8325 Oak Street, New Orleans, LA 70118, (504) 460-5200; Mr. Andrew Mull, AARP, 301 Main Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 276-1941; Mr. Mitch Bourgeois, 4246 Moss Trail, Zachary, LA 70791, (225) 937-1121; Mr. Rocky Fuselier, 412 Julius Street, Lake Charles, LA 70605, (337) 540-3213; Mr. Stephen Kauffman, 7626 Airline Highway, #91, Baton Rouge, LA 70814, (225) 281-6131; Mr. Phillip Reynolds, 19600 North 12th Street, Apt. 3106, Covington, LA 70433, (985) 273-9823; Ms. Freddie G. Landry, Addictions Recovery and Prevention Communities, 3805 Houma Boulevard, #13101, Metairie, LA 70006, (504) 236-0508; Ms. Susan Norwood, NAMI New Orleans, 1538 Louisiana Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70115, (504) 899-1942; Ms. Sylvia Pearson, Jefferson Parish Behavioral Health RAC, 4937 Avron Boulevard, Metairie, LA 70006, (504) 908-0027; Ms. Nicole McGee, NAMI Louisiana, 307 France Street, Suite A, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 291-6262; Ms. Brittany Howard, Mental Health America of Louisiana, 5700, Florida Boulevard, Suite 901, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 978-2177; Ms. Gay LeBlanc, 420 Metairie-Hammond Highway, Unit 111, Metairie, LA 70005, (504) 644-4954; Mr. Ryan Finnan, LATAN, 18071 Forest Hill Drive, Prairieville, LA 70769, (225) 806-

6424; Ms. Maria Yiannopoulos and Ms. Julie Nesbit, LATAN, 3042 Old Forge Drive Suite D, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 925-9500; and Ms. Holly Johnson, Community Angels of Hope, 2750 Shed Road, Suite D-2, Bossier, LA 71111, (318) 773-8988. (See Exhibit B)

Present to provide information on the LSU/LOL Partnership were Mr. Mike Michot, The Picard Group, P.O. Box 80372, Lafayette, LA 70598, (337) 298-6024; Dr. Bahnsen Miller, 2425 Cottonwood Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (337) 802-9025; Dr. Katie Hanisee, 4155 Essen Lane, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (318) 426-0636; Dr. Ryan Richard, 542 Finchley Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 978-7595; and Dr. Shane Prejean, 9034 Boone Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70810, no telephone number provided.

A copy of the witness cards for individuals (who were present, but did not testify) in support of, in opposition to, and to provide information on House Bill No. 1 is available upon request.

Louisiana Workforce Commission – Schedule 14

Present to speak in opposition were Ms. Libby Murphy, Louisiana Rehabilitation Council, 442 Twin Oaks Road, Stonewall, LA 71078, (318) 401-3350; Mr. Barry Meyer, The Arc Baton Rouge, 8326 Kelwood Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 927-0805; Mr. Lynn Blanchard, Affiliated Blind of Louisiana, 409 West St. Mary Boulevard, Lafayette, LA 70506, (337) 234-6492; Ms. Freida Holland, Lighthouse for the Blind, 123 State Street, New Orleans, LA 70118, (504) 899-4501, ext. 239; Mr. Beau Ellerbee, 2773, North Flannery Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70814, (504) 899-4501; Ms. Roxe Homestead, 2218 Soniat Street, New Orleans, LA 70115, (504) 899-4501; Mr. Steven Henry and Ms. Theresa Henry, 705 Daphne Drive, Gonzales, LA 70737, (225) 644-8006; Mr. Ronnie Dowell, 1750 Claiborne Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71103, (318) 635-6471; Ms. Stephanie Patrick, the Advocacy Center, 8325 Oak Street, New Orleans, LA 70118, (504) 460-5200; Ms. Sharon Hennessey, People First of Louisiana, no contact information provided; Ms. Pam Allen, Louisiana Center for the Blind, 101 South Trenton Street, Ruston, LA 71270, (318) 251-2891; Mr. Donald Banning, 663 Grove Avenue, Harahan, LA 70123, (504) 737-4955; and Mr. Tommy Carnline, 1104 Royce Drive, Alexandria, LA 71305, (318) 449-4965.

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Other Requirements – Schedule 20

Present to speak in support were Ms. Pam Allen, Louisiana Center for the Blind, 101 South Trenton Street, Ruston, LA 71270, (318) 251-2891; Ms. Renee Vidrine, Lighthouse Louisiana, 123 State Street, New Orleans, LA 70118, (504) 214-1522; Ms. Shelly Taylor, Louisiana Association for the Blind, 1750 Claiborne Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71103, (318) 635-6471; and Mr. Lynn Blanchard, Affiliated Blind of Louisiana, 409 West St. Mary Boulevard, Lafayette, LA 70506, (337) 234-6492.

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Higher Education – Schedule 19

Present to provide information was Ms. Grace Reinke, Louisiana Budget Project, 144 Maximilian Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (404) 803-9122.

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IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Berthelot offered a motion to adjourn, to which there was no objection. The motion passed by a vote of 22 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Armes, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Foil, Harris, Hensgens, Hodges, McFarland, Miguez, Miller, Pylant, Schroder, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Cameron Henry
House Committee on Appropriations